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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST RULE COMES TO PHUOC LONG.

1. AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, REFUGEES FROM PHUOC LONG PROV. ARE STILL COMING INTO QUANG DUC, OUR PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE THERE HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW SOME OF THEM ND HE HAS RECEIVED REPORTS OF THEIR DEBRIEFING FROM OTHERS. FROM THIS A PRELIMINARY PICTURE OF CONDITIONS IN PHUOC LONG UNDER COMMUNIST RULE IS BEGINNING TO EMERGE.

2. THE FIRST VC/NVA ACTION AFTER THE FIGHTING STOPPED WAS, ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, TO GATHER AND COUNT ALL THE POPULACE IN THE AREAS THEY HAD OCCUPIED. THEN, THEY IDENTIFIED AND ARRESTED THE GVN PERSONNEL, LOCAL POLICE AND CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS. ESCAPEES FROM BU JAI HAMLET, BO DUC DISTRICT, REPORT THAT 11 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN THIS MANNER IN THEIR AREA; OF THESE 8 WERE SHOT. THEY DIRECTLY OBSERVED THE EXECUTION OF 2 PF LEADERS AND STATE THAT BOTH THE DAK SUNG: I AND DAK SUNG II HAMLET CHIEFS WERE SHOT. OTHERS BELIEVED EXECUTED WERE THE DEPUTY DISTRICT CHIEF OF BO DUC, THE HAMLET CHIEF OF BU DOP AND A SPECIAL BRANCH AGENT WORKING IN BU JAI HAMLET. THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PHUOC LONG VILLAGE COUNCIL, ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER AND ONE PF WERE ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TORTURED OR KILLED.

3. THE WIFE OF A VIETNAMESE TEACHER IN LONG DIEN HAMLET, SON GIANG VILLAGE, PHUOC BINH DISTRICT REPORTED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE. SHE STATED FURTHER THAT SHE BELIEVED THAT BOTH THE VILLAGE AND THE HAMLET CHIEFS HAD BEEN EXECUTED--BY BEHEADING.

4. REFUGEES STATE THAT AFTER THE INITIAL GATHERING AND CULLING: OF THE RESIDENTS BY THE VC/NVA OCCUPYING FORCE, THEY WERE RELEASED BUT WATCHED CLOSELY; PARTICULARLY ETHNIC VIETNAMESE (THE POPULATION WAS HEAVILY MONTAGNARD) AND PERSONS WHO HAD HELD ANY POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE PAST. INFORMERS WERE PLANTED AMONG THE PEOPLE (SOMETIMES AS MANY AS 4 VC CADRE TO WATCH 3 FAMILIES) AND THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WERE ENCOURAGED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORM ON EACH OTHER. THEY WERE ALSO FORCED TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL AGAINST THE GVN AND PRESIDENT THIEU. THE YOUTH WERE EITHER DRAFTED INTO MILITARY TRAINING OR WERE USED TO DIG TRENCHES AND CONSTRUCT MILITARY FORTIFICATIONS. "RETRAINING COURSES" AND POLITICAL ORIENTATION SESSIONS WERE COMMONPLACE.

5. THOSE PRISONERS WHO WERE NOT EXECUTED HAVE BEEN MOVED

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, INTO UNDERGROUND BAMBOO PRISONS THAT
HAVE THATCHED COVER ROOFING; MOST PRISONERS ARE CURRENTLY
BELIEVED TO BE INCARCERATED AT THE BU GIA MOP BASE AREA (YU 345325).
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